Key Stage 3 Outline Plan

Year 9 2020-2021

By Year 9, the Science curriculum spirals to introduce harder concepts within the same topics previously covered in Year 7 & 8. This gives a good chance to introduce revision practices and start to transition students to their GCSE studies.

Topic	Key words	Working Scientifically links
Chemistry in Detail Featuring: States of Matter; The Periodic Table; Acids and Alkalis	Particle Model Interconversions Cooling curves Elements Atomic Number Electronic Configuration pH Bases Salts Solubility	Line graphs Development of a scientific theory
Featuring: Cells; the Nervous System; Plant Structures and their functions	Microscopes Specialised cells Neurone Synapse Reflex Photosynthesis Xylem vessels	Unit conversion SI units Standard form
Biology in Action: Featuring: Communicable Diseases; Genetics; Ecosystems	Pathogen Immune System Meiosis DNA Alleles Inheritance Mutation Food web Communities Mutualism Biodiversity	Scale Graph interpretation Ethical debate Investigative skills Tallys and bar charts
Physics in Detail:	Power Circuits Current Potential Difference Charge Resistance Energy transfers Electrical power Transverse Longitudinal Wave speed Refraction	Rearranging equations Using models in science Using models in science Rearranging equations
Chemistry in Action: Featuring: Separation Techniques; Obtaining and Using Metals	Filtration Crystallisation Paper Chromatography Distillation Potable Reactivity Displacement Ores Redox Lifecycle Assessment	Following written instructions